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SUBJ: PRELIMINARY TO GROUPOF 77 MEETING MANILA

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1. PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF GROUP OF 77 MET IN MANILA JANUARY 23-24, UTILIZING WORKING DOCUMENT IT HAD PREPARED IN GENEVA AND INPUTS FROM REGIONAL CAUCUSES OF ASIAN, LATIN AMERICAN, AND AFRICAN GROUPINGS. PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING AND ASIAN GROUP'S MEETING IN JAKARTA LED TO SPATE OF ARTICLES IN PHILIPPINE PRESS OVER WEEKEND REPORTING OBJECTIVES OF GROUP OF 77 MEETING, FIRST PHASE OF WHICH OPENS TODAY.

2. THREE THEMES FOR DISCUSSION RECUR IN PRESS DISCUSSIONS: UNTAD INTEGRATED COMMODITY PROGRAM, THIRD WORLD'S DEBT, BURDEN, AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

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3. A "HIGHLY PLACED GOVERNMENT SOURCE" DISCLOSED POS-

TIONS ADOPTED BY ASIAN GROUP MEETING IN
JAKARTA. ON COMMODITY ISSUES, THE GROUP WILL
SUPPORT COMMODITY BUFFER STOCK ARRANGEMENTS IN
COPPER, TIN, SUGAR, COFFEE, COCOA, RUBBER, COTTON,
OILSEEDS, JUTE AND HARD FIBERS, WITH PHILIPPINES
PUSHING HARD FOR COCONUT OIL. COMPENSATORY
FINANCING FACILITIES FOR STABILIZATION
OF EXPORT EARNINGS WILL BE INCLUDED IN PROPOSED
ARRANGEMENTS. ASIAN GROUP WILL ASK FOR EXTENSION
OF GSP TO INCLUDE ALL PROCESSED AND SEMI-PROCESSED
PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND
ELIMINATION OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO
EXPORTS OF PROCESSED COMMODITIES.

4. ASIAN GROUP WILL SEEK UNTYING OF GRANTS AND CON-
CESSIONAL LOANS AND WILL PRESS FOR ALLOCATION OF
ONE PER CENT OF GNP AS DEVELOPMENT AID BY 1980. U.S.,
SOURCE SAID, HAS NOT ACCEPTED 1980 TARGET DATE BECAUSE
IT "HAS DEVELOPED SOME KIND OF AN INDIFFERENT
ATTITUDE ON THIS ASPECT LARGELY BECAUSE
OF THE ZIONISM ISSUE, WHICH AS BECOME LARGELY
IDENTIFIED WITH RACIAL DISCRIMINATION".

5. OTHER TOPICS SPOTLIGHTED FOR DISCUSSION IN VARIOUS
PRESS ACCOUNTS WERE: STRATEGY FOR DIVERSIFICATION
OF EXPORT TRADE IN MANUFACTURES AND
SEMI-MANUFACTURES; REVIEW OF PROGRESS IN MULTILATE-
RAL TRADE NEGOTIATION AND DEVELOPMENTS IN INTER-
NATIONAL MONETARY FIELD; AND TRADE RELATIONS WITH
COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYS-
TEMS.

6. ORDER OF DISCUSSION WILL BE SAME FOR BOTH SENIOR
OFFICIALS MEETING BEGINNING JANUARY 26 AND MINIS-
TERIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 2: 1. COMMODITIES; 2.
MANUFACTURES AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES; 3. RECENT
TRENDS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT; 4.
MONEY AND FINANCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY; 6.
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, DEVELOPING ISLAND COUNTRIES
AND DEVELOPING LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES; 7. ECONOMIC
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COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; 8. TRADE
RELATIONS AMONG COUNTRIES HAVING DIFFERENT
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS; AND 9. INSTITUTIONAL
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